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1001-1039 Light St. (East side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1837-1854

A large portion of the east side of the 1000 block of Light St. was originally improved with a row of two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses built by John S. Gittings and others in the late 1830's and early 1840's. Of these houses only 1003 and 1005 Light St. survive in their original exterior form, with 1027-1029 Light St. retaining their original two story height, but minus their original dormer windows. 1001 and 1025 Light St. are now three story, three bay wide brick commercial/residential structures with shed roofs and bracketed cornices; 1007 and 1009 Light St. are three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. A number of the early houses on this block have been replaced by modern, one story high commercial structures. The southern portion of the block was originally improved with a row of three story, gable-roofed houses in the early 1850's, of which only 1031 Light St. survives in its original form. 1033 and 1037-1039 Light St. have had their gable roofs rebuilt as shed roofs with bracketed cornices added. The first floor areas of all of these later houses have been converted to modern storefronts.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1005 Light St.

CITY, TOWN Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story, two bay brick house with gable roof and front and rear roof dormer windows was built in the 1840's and formed part of a group of gable roofed houses extending along this side of Light St. The house has been covered with formstone.

The house is two and a half stories in height, 13' wide, and occupies a lot 70' deep. The house is two rooms deep and there is a one story high, two bay deep frame rear addition which extends across the full width of the house. The house is constructed in running bond but the facade has been covered with formstone. The steeply pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice and is covered with tarpaper. There is a broken pedimented dormer window on both the front and rear roof gables. There is a double rectangular chimney located along both the front and rear roof gables on the south side of the house.

Although the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills has been hidden by the formstone covering, it is apparent that the openings had flat lintels. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. There is a modern six panel door set beneath a single light transom. The house sits on a high basement, the entrance being reached by six stone steps. A door leading to the basement, set below street level, is located beneath the first floor window.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

—PREHISTORIC
—1400-1499
—1500-1599
—1600-1699
—1700-1799
x1800-1899
—1900-

—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
—AGRICULTURE
xARCHITECTURE
—ART
—COMMERCE
—COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

—COMMUNITY PLANNING
—CONSERVATION
—ECONOMICS
—EDUCATION
—ENGINEERING
—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
—INDUSTRY
—INVENTION

—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
—LAW
—LITERATURE
—MILITARY
—MUSIC
—PHILOSOPHY
—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

—RELIGION
—SCIENCE
—SCULPTURE
—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—THEATER
—TRANSPORTATION
—OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES 1841

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John S. Gittings

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 1003 Light St.

This house, along with several others extending south along this side of Light St., was built by John S. Gittings, an active local real estate developer. The first owner-occupant of this house was a Thomas Seabrook, a dyer and scourer, who lived here in the 1850's, 1860's, and early 1870's.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AWB 415, Folio 7; GR 666, Folio 513; Baltimore City Directory, 1849-50, 1855-56

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 13' x 70'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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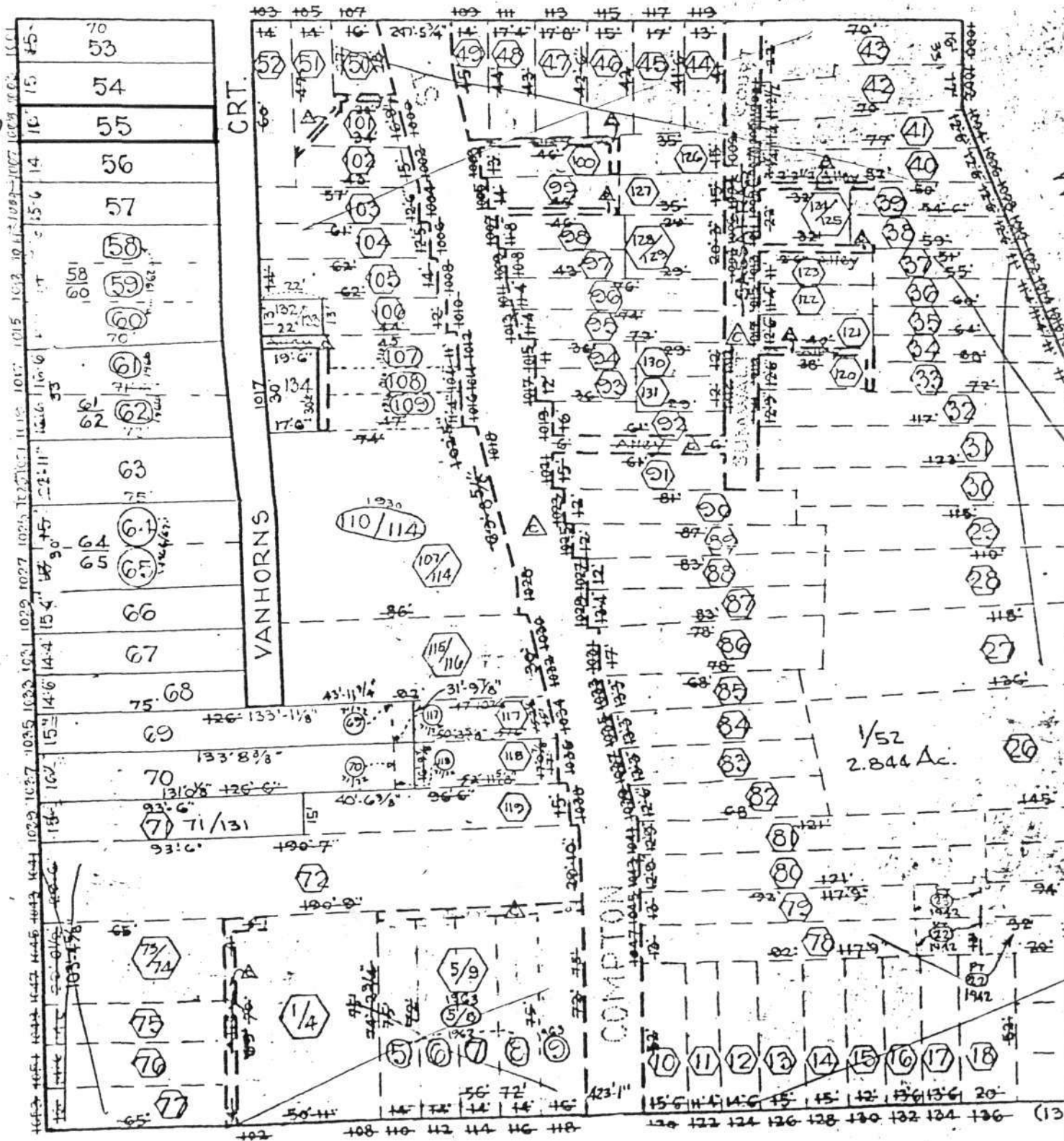
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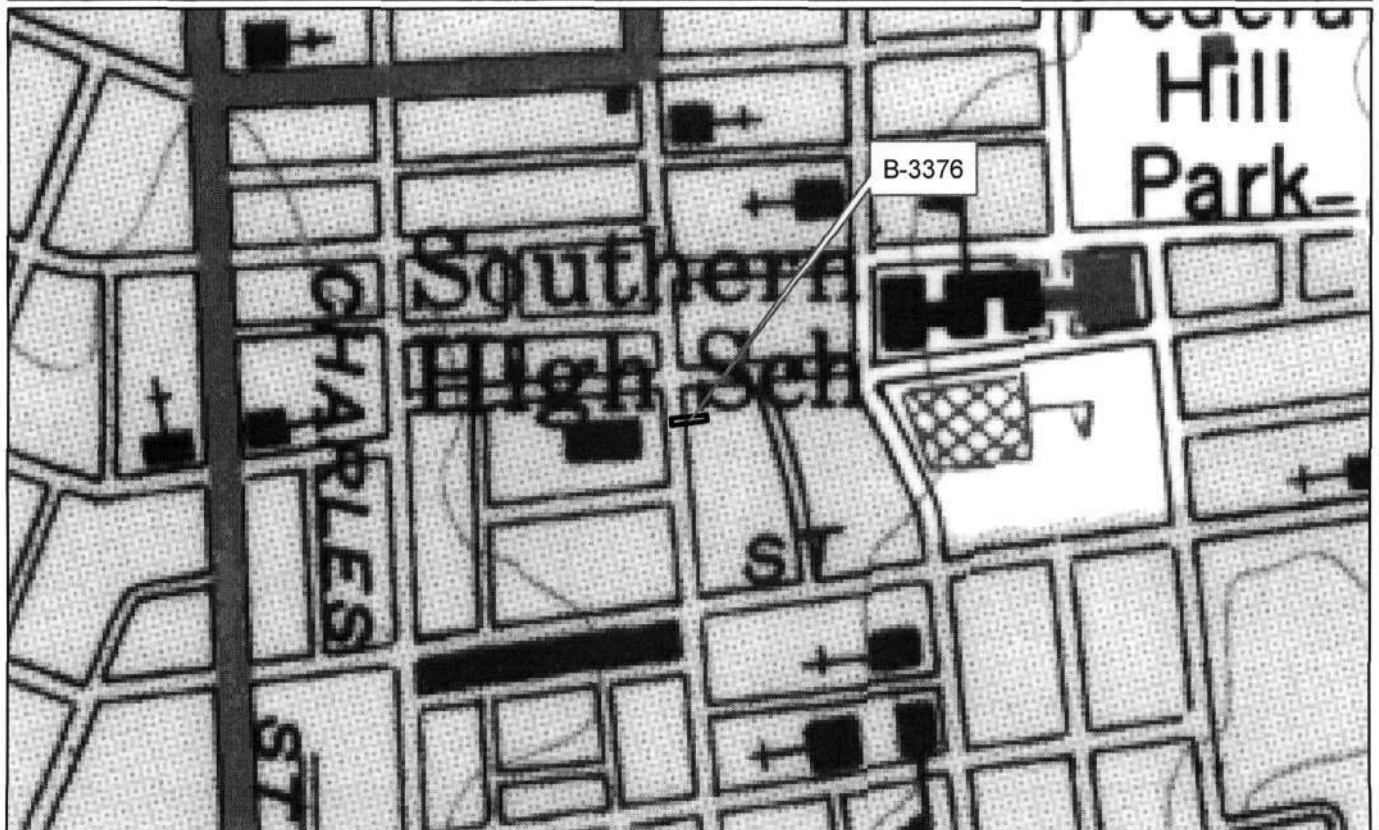
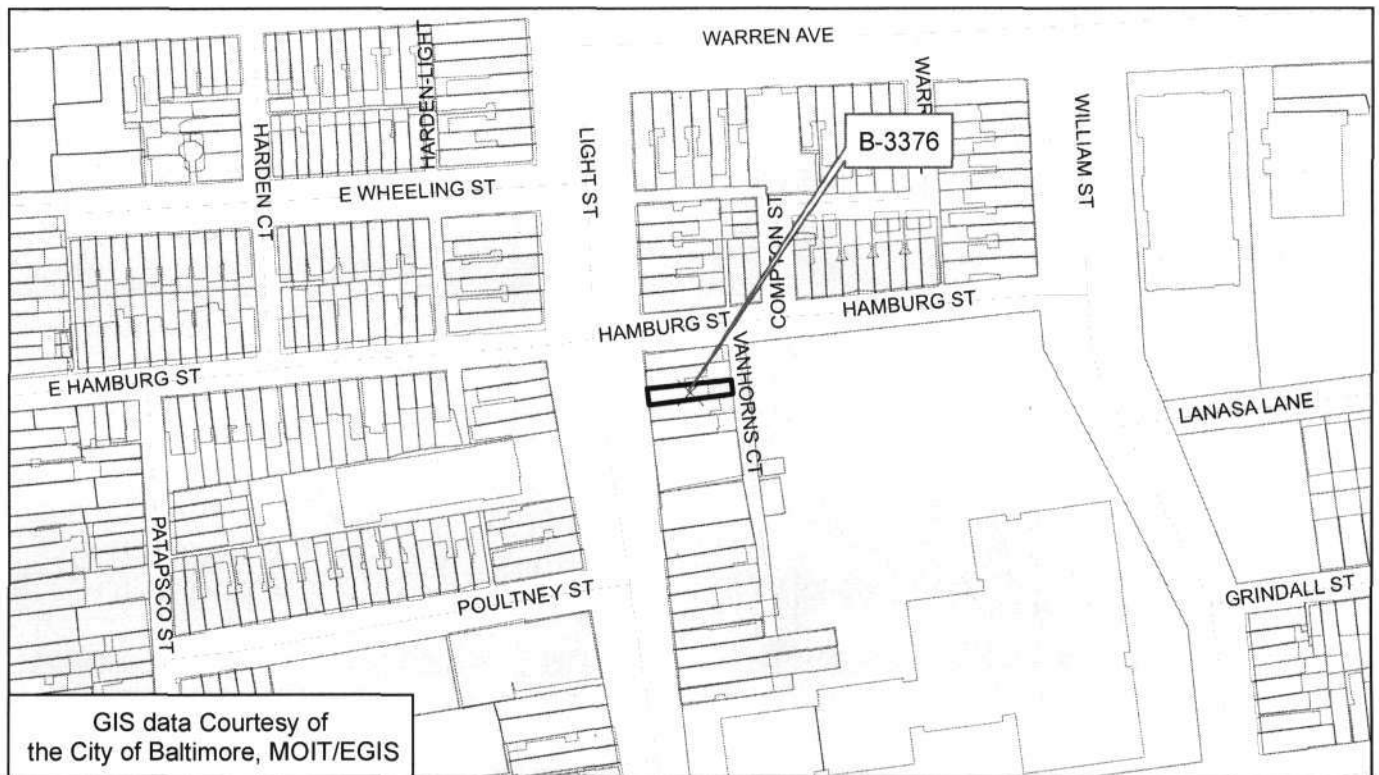
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Block 0936 Lot 055
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Baltimore East Quad.





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1005 Light St.

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West elevation